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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

OCT 15 1998

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

SEE ATTACHED LIST OF ADDRESSEES
[Attachment A]

Re: **INITIAL MEETING ON SPECIAL NOTICE OF LIABILITY**
Sauget Area 1 Site
Sauget/Cahokia, Illinois

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has received responses from each of you, on behalf of your respective clients, indicating your willingness to engage in good faith negotiations directed at reaching agreement to conduct or finance appropriate response actions at the Sauget Area 1 Site (the Site) pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. As stated in the Special Notice, PRPs are allotted a maximum of 60 days to coordinate with any PRPs and to present to U.S. EPA a "good faith offer" to conduct and/or finance the remedial action to negotiate the terms of a administrative order on consent. The term "good faith offer" is defined in the Special Notice letter.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 122(e)(2), during this 60-day moratorium, U.S. EPA will not commence remedial action at the Site. U.S. EPA may, however, commence any additional studies or investigations authorized under Section 104(b), and take any action at the Site should a significant threat to human health or the environment arise during the negotiation period.

Based on Certificates of Mailing in this matter, U.S. EPA has determined that the 60-day period in this case started on September 21, 1998. Therefore, if a "good faith" proposal is not received on or before November 20, 1998, U.S. EPA, pursuant to Section 122(e)(4), may proceed to immediately undertake such further action as is authorized by law, utilizing public funds available to the Agency.

To explain this process further, U.S. EPA has arranged to hold an initial meeting with interested PRPs on October 22, 1998. Representatives from IEPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. EPA will attend. The meeting will be held on the 19th floor of the 77 West Jackson Boulevard building in Chicago, IL at 10:30.

If you have questions, please contact me directly at (312) 886-4273.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

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ATTACHMENT B

AGENDA FOR MEETING

DATE: October 22, 1998

LOCATION: 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 19th Floor
Conference Room

*A telephone conference line will be arranged for any
party which cannot attend in person

TIME: 10:30 am

Topics for discussion:

- *Background Information on the Site
- *Response Activities to Date
- *Liability of Responsible Parties Under CERCLA
- *Explanation of Expected PRP Response Activities
- *Structure of Consent Decree Negotiations